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SPIDER-MAN
IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT, A FIGURE EMERGES FROM THE DARKNESS.
YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE PETER PARKER FIRST DONNED THE COSTUME AND ASSUMED THE GUISE OF SPIDER-MAN.
THEY WERE YEARS IN WHICH THE RAGE KEPT PUSHING ITS WAY TOWARD THE SURFACE AS HE FOUND HIMSELF FACING THE SAME CRIMINALS OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
THE VILLAINS HAVE RETURNED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO PLAGUE HIS LIFE.
TONIGHT, SPIDER-MAN WILL MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO CONTAIN HIS RAGE.
HE HAS BEEN PUSHED TOO FAR.
WRAPPING HIMSELF IN HIS RAGE...
HE IS THE SPIDER!
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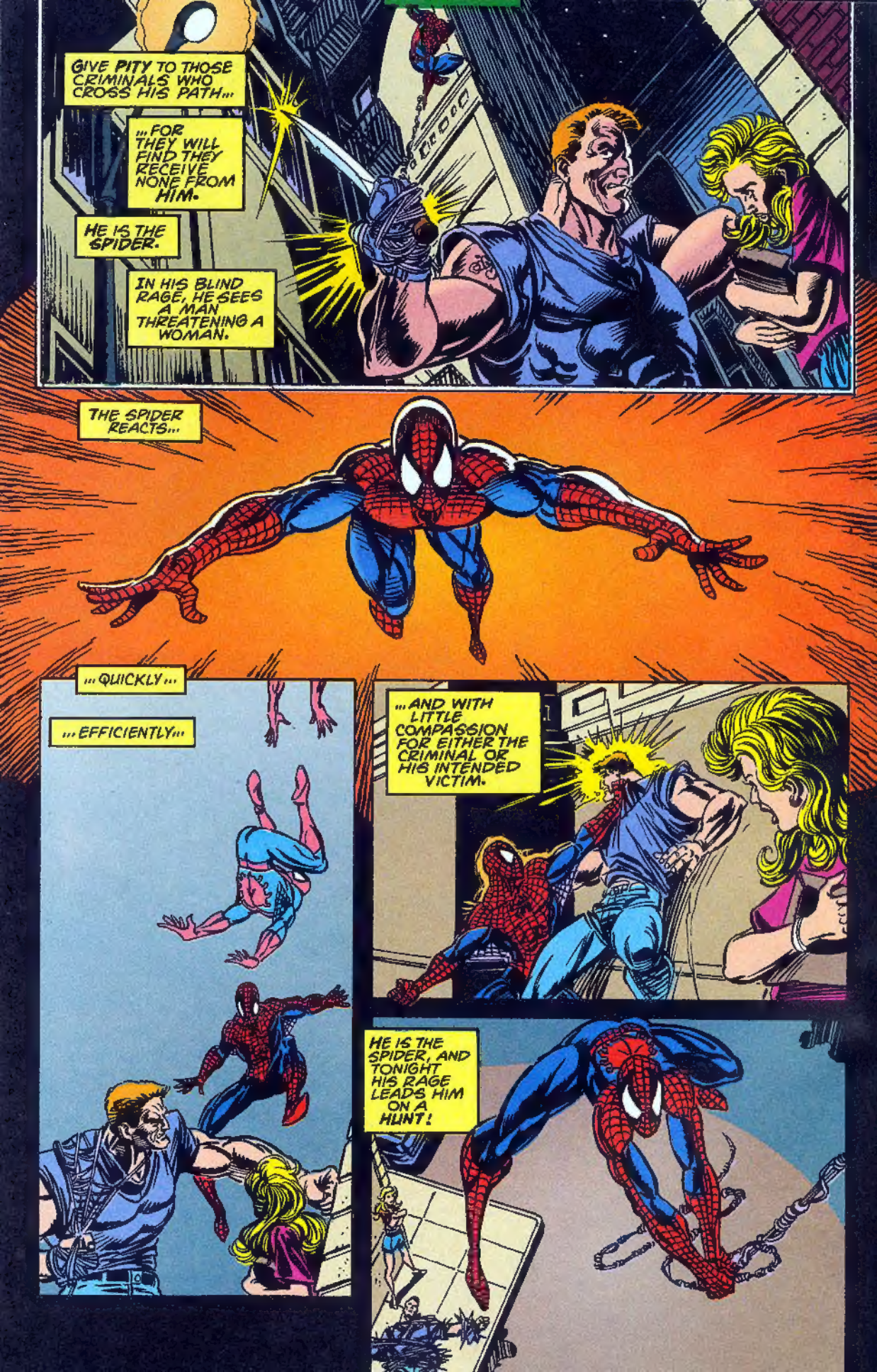
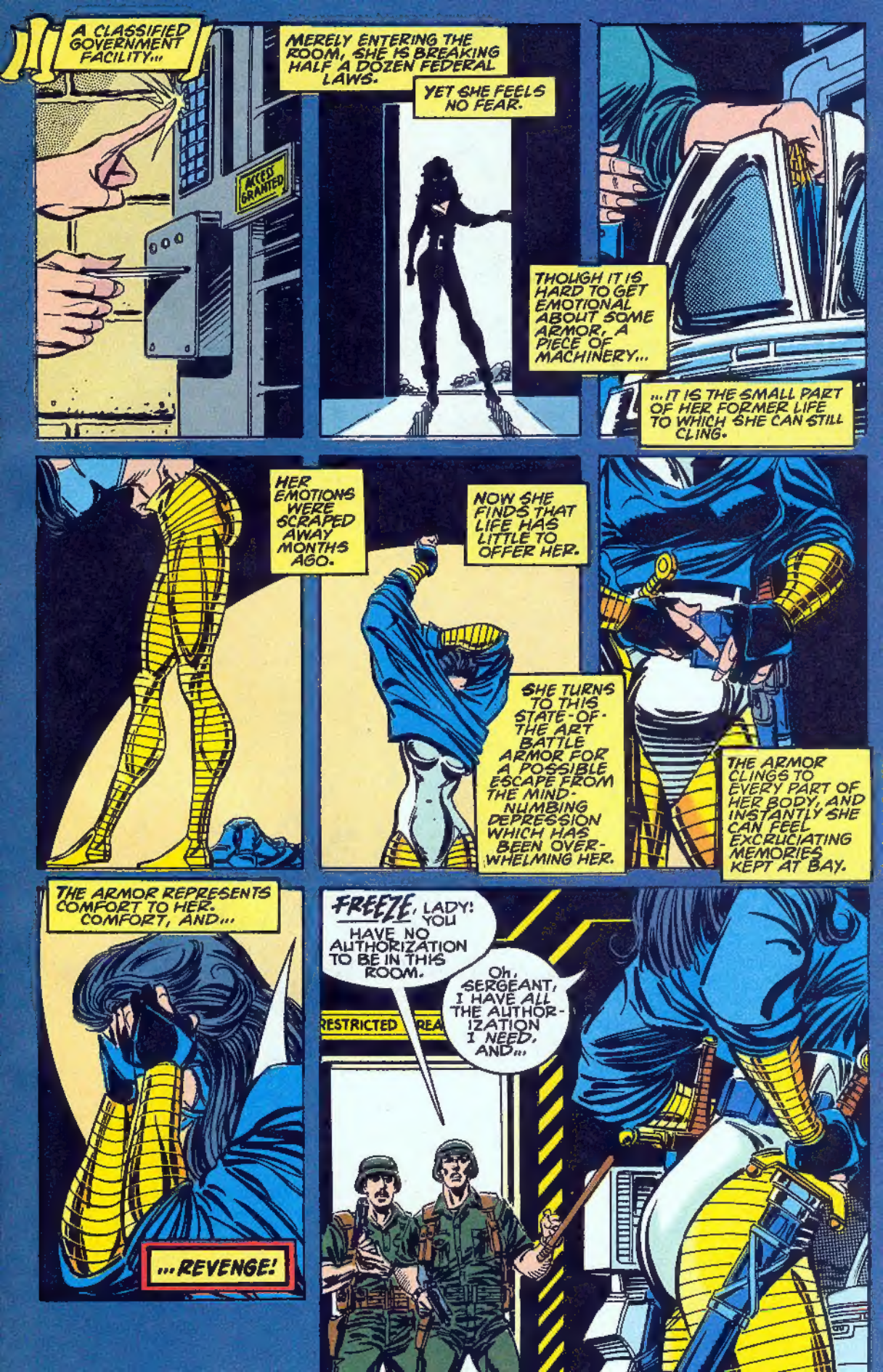
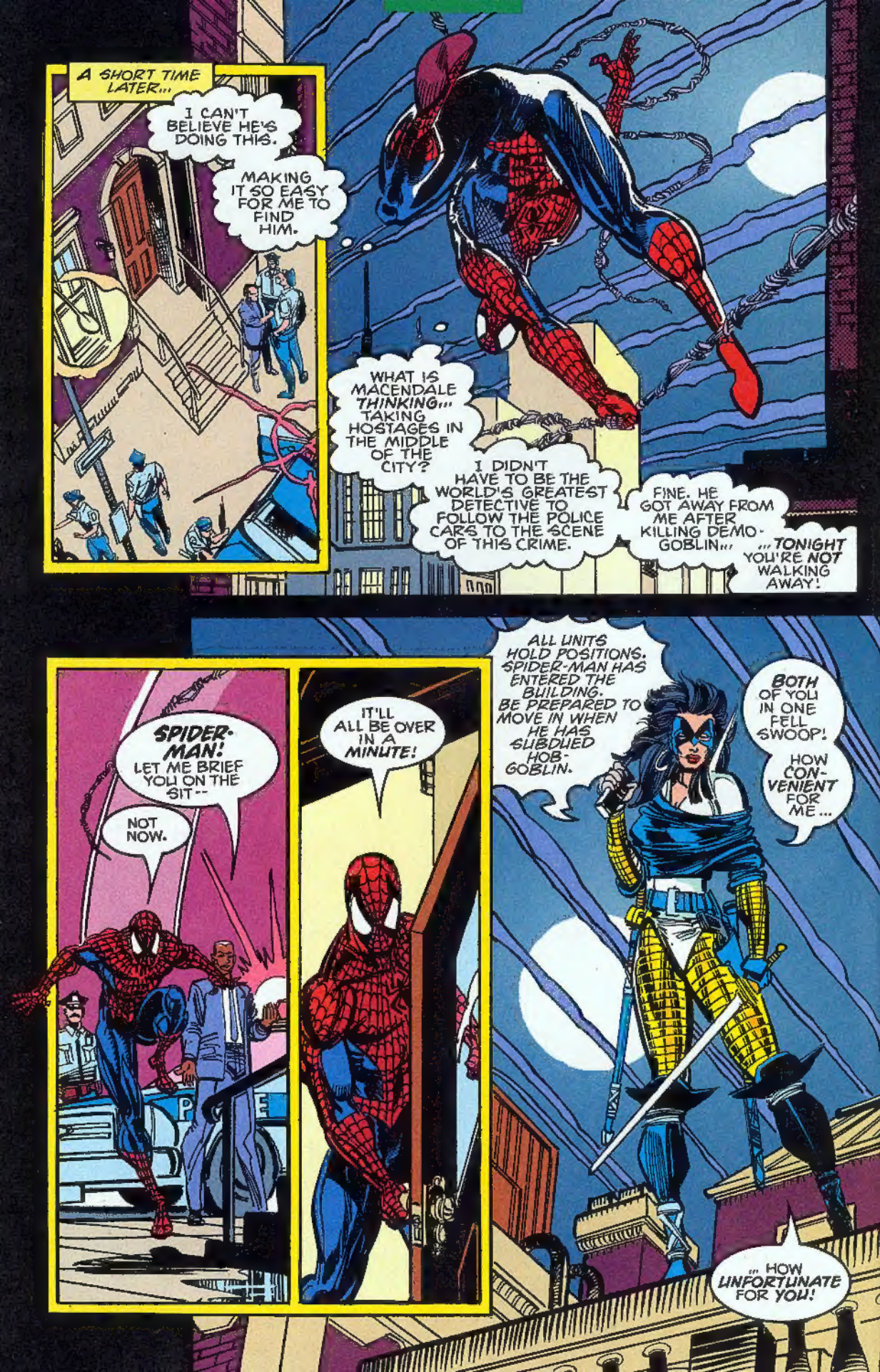

GIVE PITY TO THOSE CRIMINALS WHO CROSS HIS PATH...
...FOR THEY WILL FIND THEY RECEIVE NONE FROM HIM.
HE IS THE SPIDER.
IN HIS BLIND RAGE, HE SEES A MAN THREATENING A WOMAN.
THE SPIDER REACTS...
...QUICKLY...
...EFFICIENTLY...
...AND WITH LITTLE COMPASSION FOR EITHER THE CRIMINAL OR HIS INTENDED VICTIM.
HE IS THE SPIDER, AND TONIGHT HIS RAGE LEADS HIM ON A HUNT!

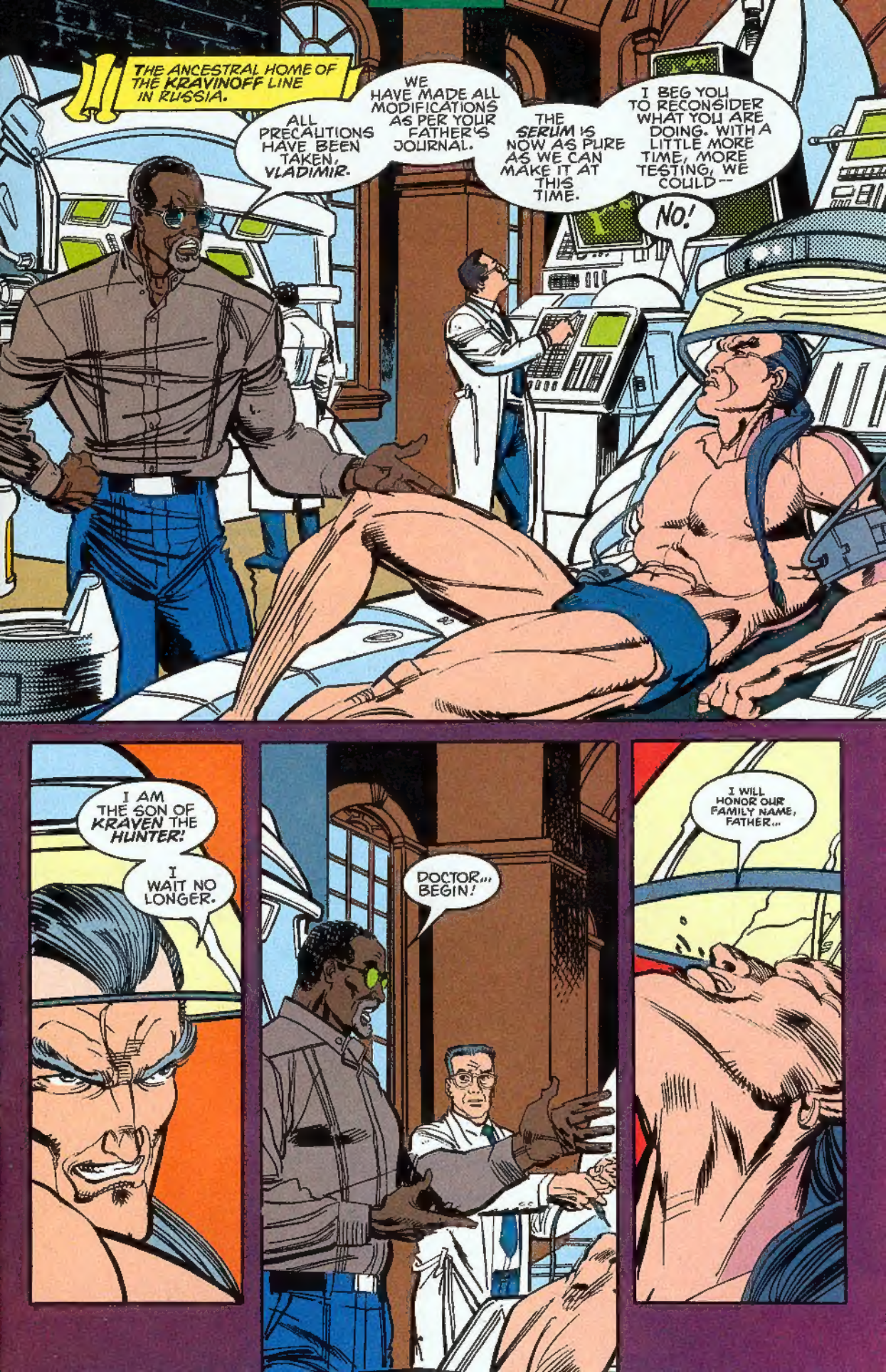

A CLASSIFIED GOVERNMENT FACILITY...
ACCESS GRANTED
MERELY ENTERING THE ROOM, SHE IS BREAKING HALF A DOZEN FEDERAL LAWS.
YET SHE FEELS NO FEAR.
THOUGH IT IS HARD TO GET EMOTIONAL ABOUT SOME ARMOR, A PIECE OF MACHINERY...
...IT IS THE SMALL PART OF HER FORMER LIFE TO WHICH SHE CAN STILL CLING.
HER EMOTIONS WERE SCRAPED AWAY MONTHS AGO.
NOW SHE FINDS THAT LIFE HAS LITTLE TO OFFER HER.
SHE TURNS TO THIS STATE-OF-THE ART BATTLE ARMOR FOR A POSSIBLE ESCAPE FROM THE MIND-NUMBING DEPRESSION WHICH HAS BEEN OVER-WHELMING HER.
THE ARMOR CLINGS TO EVERY PART OF HER BODY, AND INSTANTLY SHE CAN FEEL EXCRUCIATING MEMORIES KEPT AT BAY.
THE ARMOR REPRESENTS COMFORT TO HER. COMFORT, AND...
...REVENGE!
FREEZE, LADY! YOU HAVE NO AUTHORIZATION TO BE IN THIS ROOM.
RESTRICTED
Oh, SERGEANT, I HAVE ALL THE AUTHOR-IZATION I NEED, AND...

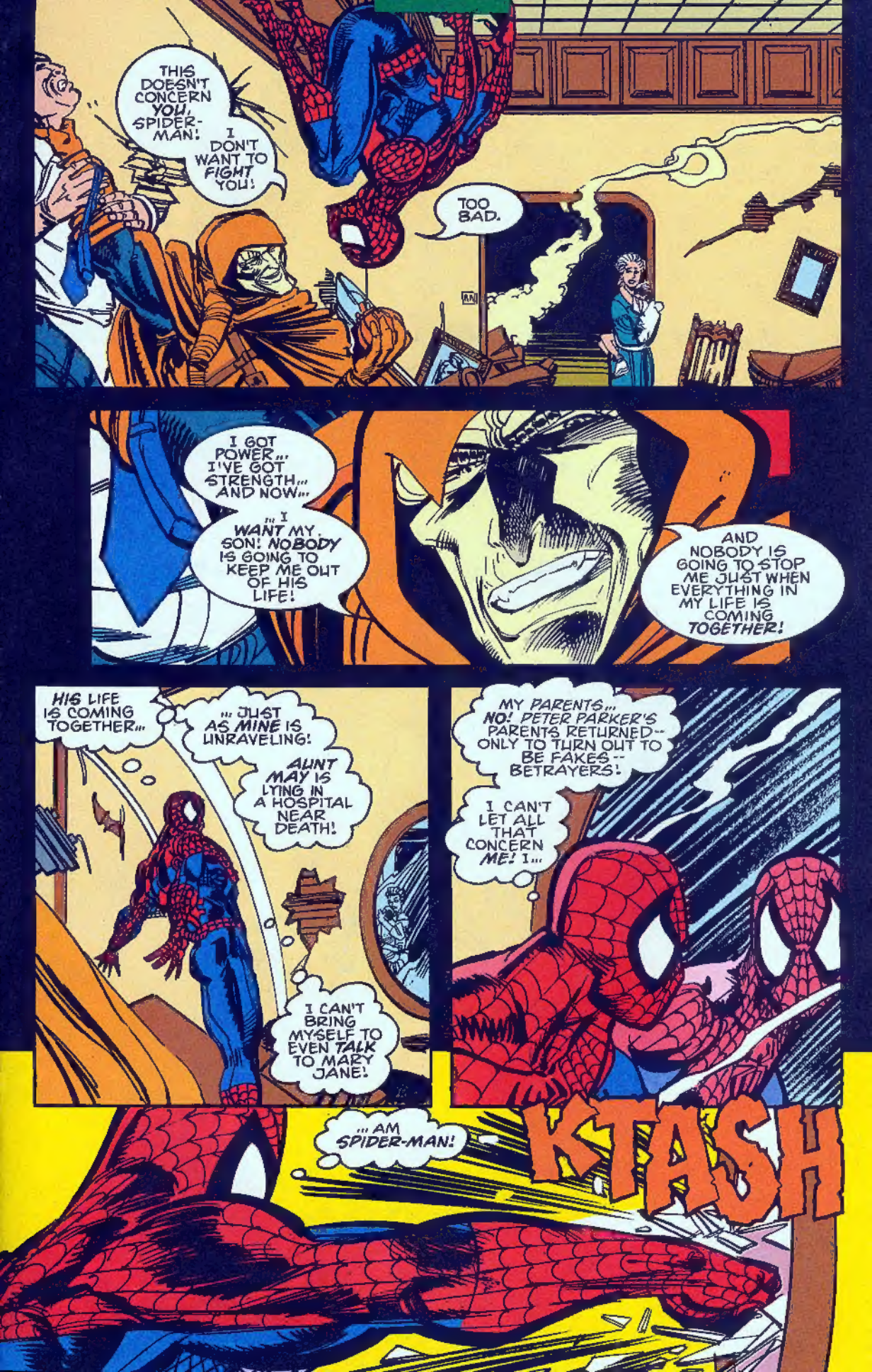
PUT THE SWORDS AWAY, LADY! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU--
... I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE ME DOING THE FREEZING!
REA
Oh, I DO, SERGEANT--
--THIS ARMOR WAS MADE FOR ME!
THEY CAN RETIRE ME... TAKE AWAY MY CLEARANCE... SAY I'M NO LONGER MENTALLY FIT TO BE A FIELD OPERATIVE. BUT...
... THE ARMOR IS MINE TO USE...
... AGAIN.
COLDHEART IS GOING ON ONE LAST MISSION.
I'VE GOT A FEW SUPER-POWERED FREAKS TO SANCTION.

MANHATTAN'S UPPER WEST SIDE...
A GUST OF WIND SLAMS HARD INTO THE BODY OF HOBGOBLIN...
...BUT HE IS UNMOVED.
FOR YEARS HE HAS SOUGHT POWER... REAL POWER.
NOW, AFTER A RECENT EXCURSION TO RUSSIA, IT IS HIS.
STRENGTH SURGES THROUGH HIS BODY.
STRENGTH HE USED TO KILL THE SUPER-NATURAL ENTITY KNOWN AS THE DEMOGOBLIN*.
HIS CAREER REVIVED, HOBGOBLIN NOW HAS THE RESPECT WHICH HAS ELUDED HIM FOR TOO LONG.
WITH THE POWER AND RESPECT COMES THE ABILITY TO NAME HIS PRICE.
YET, EVEN WITH WEALTH OF UNLIMITED POTENTIAL...
...THERE IS PART OF HIS LIFE WHICH FEELS INCOMPLETE.
YEARS AGO, JASON PHILIP MACENDALE, THE MAN WITHIN THE HOBGOBLIN COSTUME, WAS DENIED A MOST PERSONAL TREASURE.
MACENDALE IS NOT A MAN WHO WILL BE DENIED ANYTHING.
HE WANTS THAT WHICH IS HIS...
...AND HE WANTS IT NOW!
* LAST ISSUE. -- DANNY

HONEY...
...I'M HOME!
YOU LOOK SURPRISED TO SEE ME, KAREN--! WHAT'S THE MATTER...
...DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR HUSBAND?
YOU LEFT ME FOR THIS, KAREN? WHAT IS HE, AN ACCOUNT-ANT?
OH, WELL, AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO STAY AND CHAT, THAT'S NOT THE REASON I POPPED IN.
I CAME FOR MY SON.
COME ON, JAY... IT'S DADDY!
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM ALL THIS!


A SHORT TIME LATER...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S DOING THIS.
MAKING IT SO EASY FOR ME TO FIND HIM.
WHAT IS MACENDALE THINKING... TAKING HOSTAGES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY?
I DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE TO FOLLOW THE POLICE CARS TO THE SCENE OF THIS CRIME.
FINE. HE GOT AWAY FROM ME AFTER KILLING DEMO-GOBLIN...
...TONIGHT YOU'RE NOT WALKING AWAY!
SPIDER-MAN! LET ME BRIEF YOU ON THE SIT--
NOT NOW.
IT'LL ALL BE OVER IN A MINUTE!
ALL UNITS HOLD POSITIONS. SPIDER-MAN HAS ENTERED THE BUILDING. BE PREPARED TO MOVE IN WHEN HE HAS SUBDUED HOB-GOBLIN.
BOTH OF YOU IN ONE FELL SWOOP! HOW CON-VENIENT FOR ME...
...HOW UNFORTUNATE FOR YOU!


THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE KRAVINOFF LINE IN RUSSIA.
ALL PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, VLADIMIR.
WE HAVE MADE ALL MODIFICATIONS AS PER YOUR FATHER'S JOURNAL.
THE SERUM IS NOW AS PURE AS WE CAN MAKE IT AT THIS TIME.
I BEG YOU TO RECONSIDER WHAT YOU ARE DOING. WITH A LITTLE MORE TIME, MORE TESTING, WE COULD--
NO!
I AM THE SON OF KRAVEN THE HUNTER!
I WAIT NO LONGER.
DOCTOR... BEGIN!
I WILL HONOR OUR FAMILY NAME, FATHER...


THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU, SPIDER-MAN!
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU!
TOO BAD.
I GOT POWER... I'VE GOT STRENGTH... AND NOW...
... I WANT MY SON! NOBODY IS GOING TO KEEP ME OUT OF HIS LIFE!
AND NOBODY IS GOING TO STOP ME JUST WHEN EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE IS COMING TOGETHER!
HIS LIFE IS COMING TOGETHER...
... JUST AS MINE IS UNRAVELING!
AUNT MAY IS LYING IN A HOSPITAL NEAR DEATH!
I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO EVEN TALK TO MARY JANE!
MY PARENTS... NO! PETER PARKER'S PARENTS RETURNED-- ONLY TO TURN OUT TO BE FAKES -- BETRAYERS!
I CAN'T LET ALL THAT CONCERN ME! I...
... AM SPIDER-MAN!
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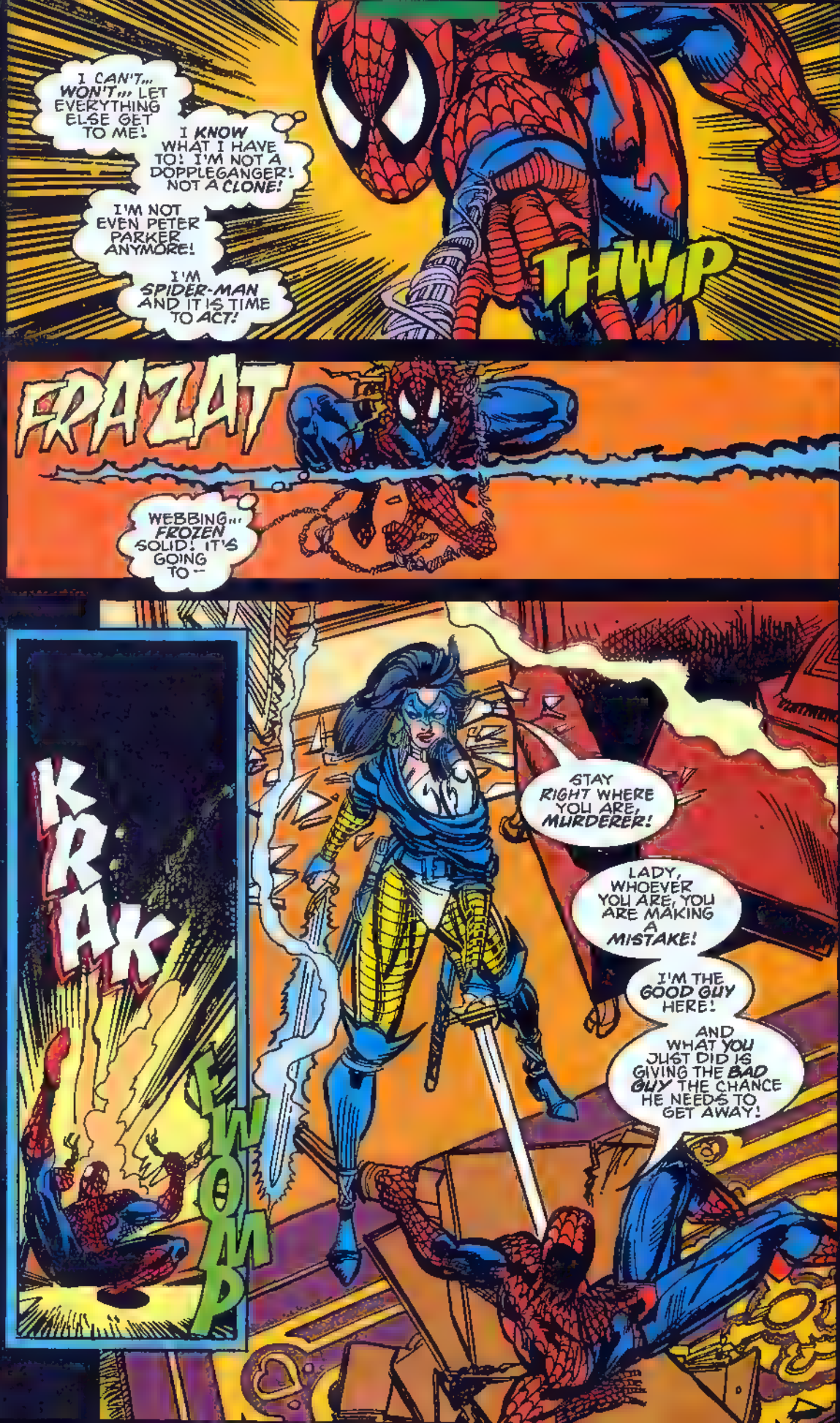
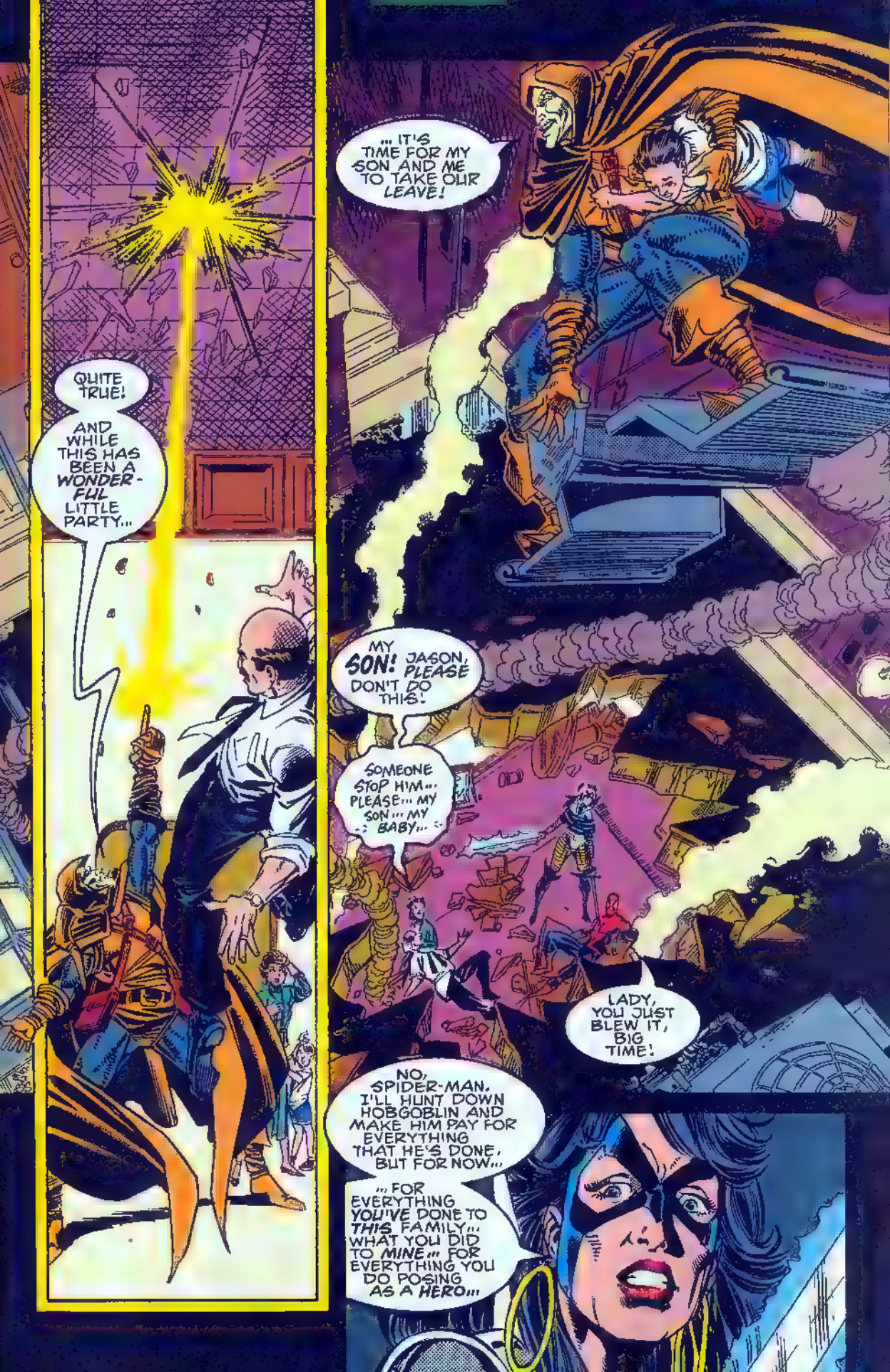
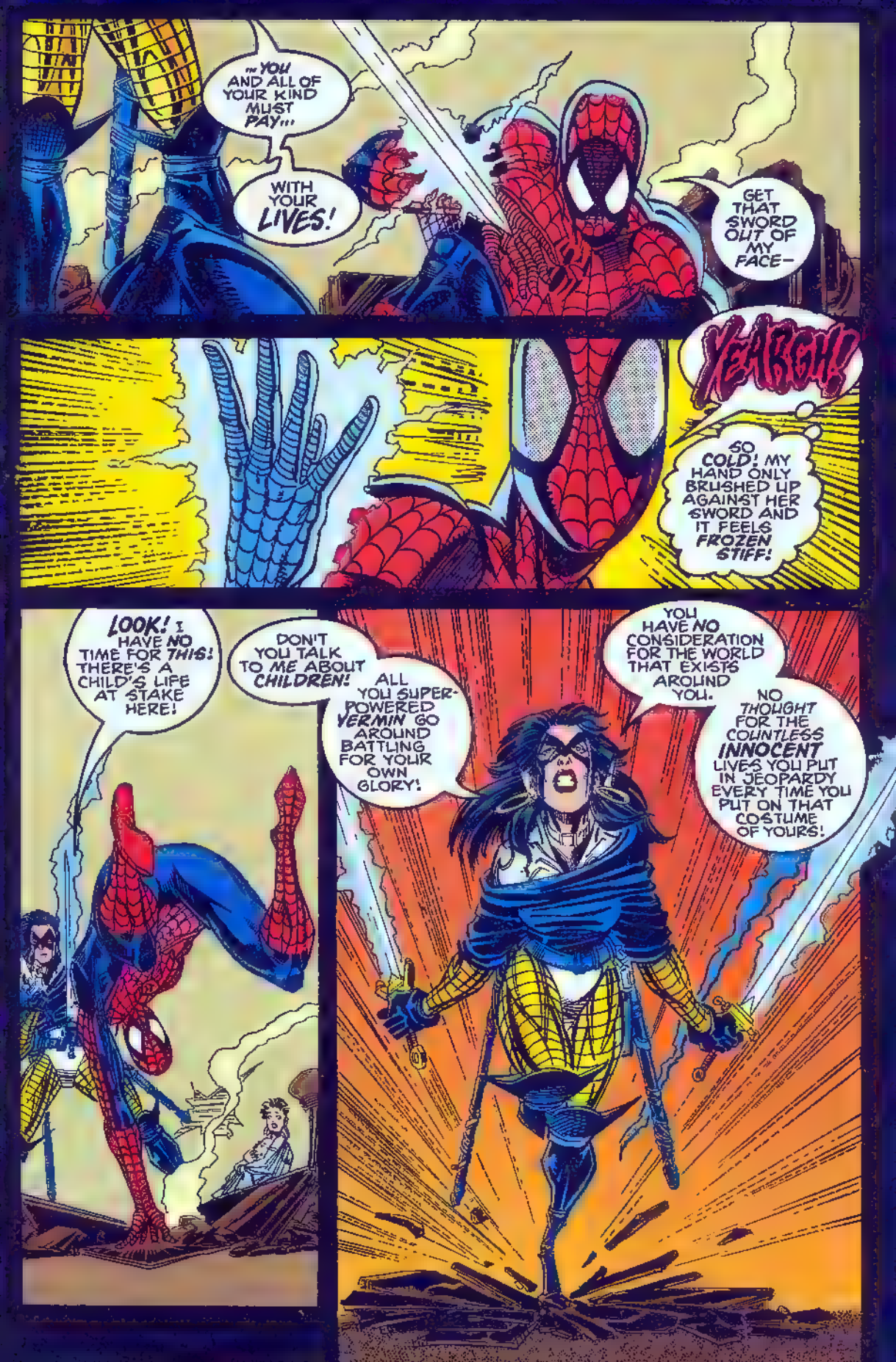
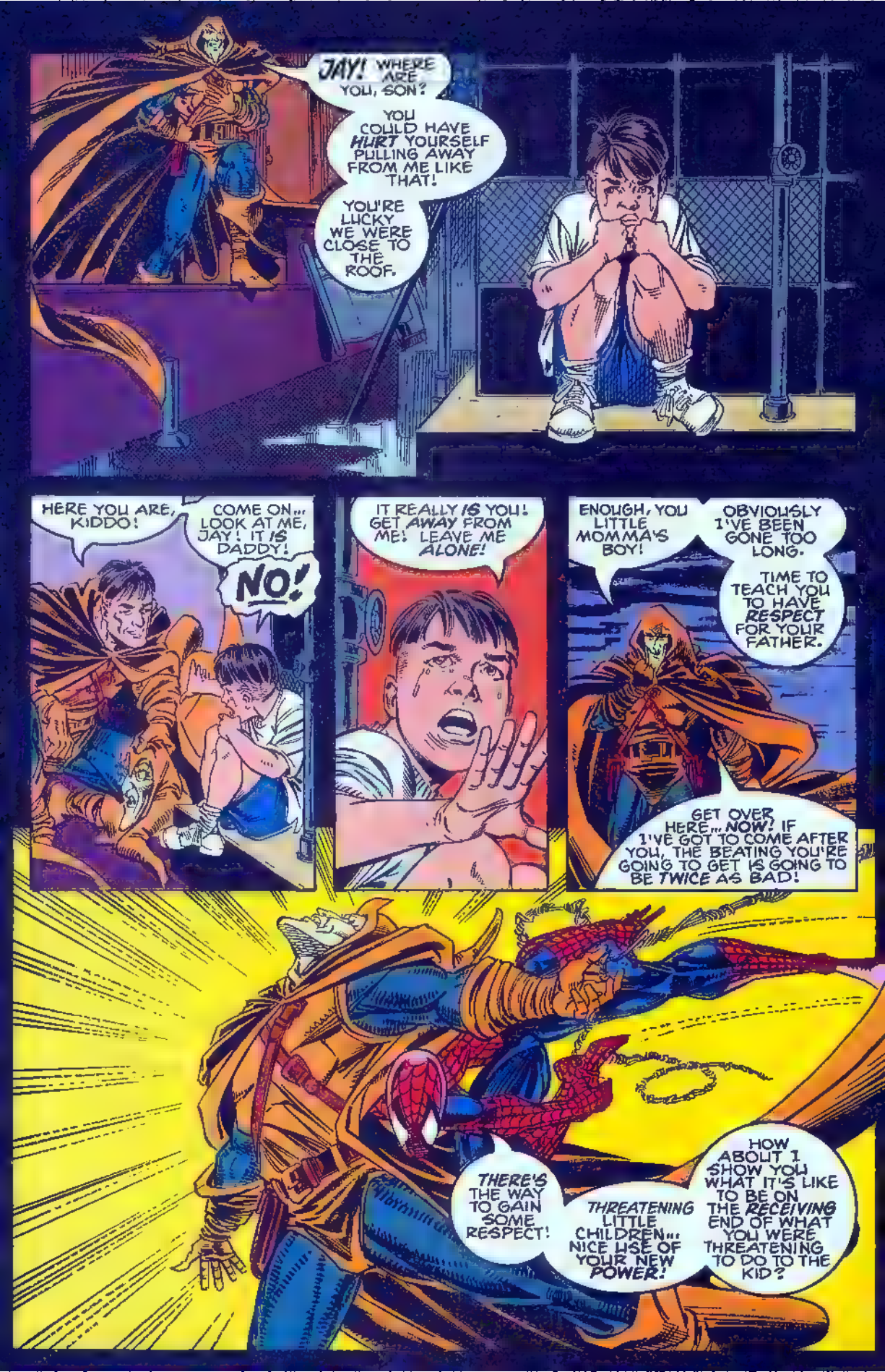

I CAN'T... WON'T... LET EVERYTHING ELSE GET TO ME!
I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO! I'M NOT A DOPPLEGANGER! NOT A CLONE!
I'M NOT EVEN PETER PARKER ANYMORE!
I'M SPIDER-MAN AND IT IS TIME TO ACT!
THWIP
FRAZAT
WEBBING... FROZEN SOLID! IT'S GOING TO--
KRAK
EWOMP
STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE, MURDERER!
LADY, WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU ARE MAKING A MISTAKE!
I'M THE GOOD GUY HERE!
AND WHAT YOU JUST DID IS GIVING THE BAD GUY THE CHANCE HE NEEDS TO GET AWAY!


QUITE TRUE!
AND WHILE THIS HAS BEEN A WONDER-FUL LITTLE PARTY...
... IT'S TIME FOR MY SON AND ME TO TAKE OUR LEAVE!
MY SON! JASON, PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!
SOMEONE STOP HIM... PLEASE... MY SON... MY BABY...
LADY, YOU JUST BLEW IT, BIG TIME!
NO, SPIDER-MAN. I'LL HUNT DOWN HOBGOBLIN AND MAKE HIM PAY FOR EVERYTHING THAT HE'S DONE. BUT FOR NOW...
... FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TO THIS FAMILY... WHAT YOU DID TO MINE... FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO POSING AS A HERO...

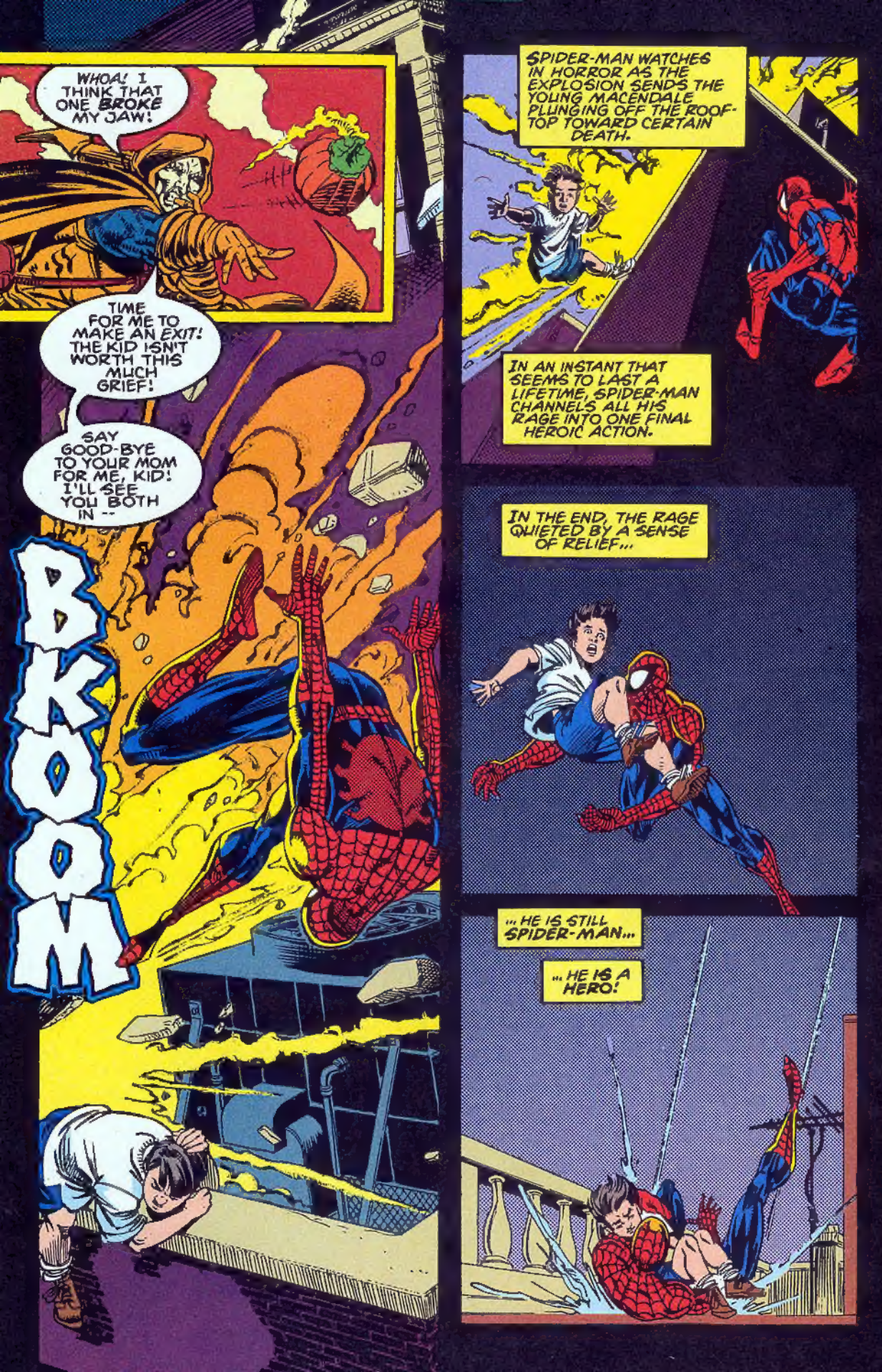

"...YOU AND ALL OF YOUR KIND MUST PAY..."
WITH YOUR LIVES!
GET THAT SWORD OUT OF MY FACE—
YEARGH!
SO COLD! MY HAND ONLY BRUSHED UP AGAINST HER SWORD AND IT FEELS FROZEN STIFF!
LOOK! I HAVE NO TIME FOR THIS! THERE'S A CHILD'S LIFE AT STAKE HERE!
DON'T YOU TALK TO ME ABOUT CHILDREN!
ALL YOU SUPER-POWERED VERMIN GO AROUND BATTLING FOR YOUR OWN GLORY!
YOU HAVE NO CONSIDERATION FOR THE WORLD THAT EXISTS AROUND YOU.
NO THOUGHT FOR THE COUNTLESS INNOCENT LIVES YOU PUT IN JEOPARDY EVERY TIME YOU PUT ON THAT COSTUME OF YOURS!

THE WORLD WILL BE *BETTER* OFF WITHOUT YOU!
HOW *DARE* YOU SAY THAT?
I SPEND MOST OF MY LIFE PUTTING *MY* LIFE ON THE LINE TO PROTECT INNOCENTS!
RIGHT NOW, I *WOULD* BE PROTECTING A CHILD FROM HOBGOBLIN IF I WASN'T HAVING TO DEAL WITH *YOU!*
THE *CHILD!* THINK OF THE *CHILD!*
CHILD... LIKE MY JOEY... WHERE WERE YOU WHEN *HE* NEEDED YOU? DID YOU EVEN *NOTICE?*
NO, SPIDER-MAN, I'M DOING THIS *FOR* THE CHILDREN!
KRAK
I HAVE NO *IDEA* WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT...
...AND NO *TIME* TO BOTHER TO FIGURE IT OUT!
DO YOURSELF A FAVOR, LADY...
...*STAY OUT OF MY WAY TONIGHT!*

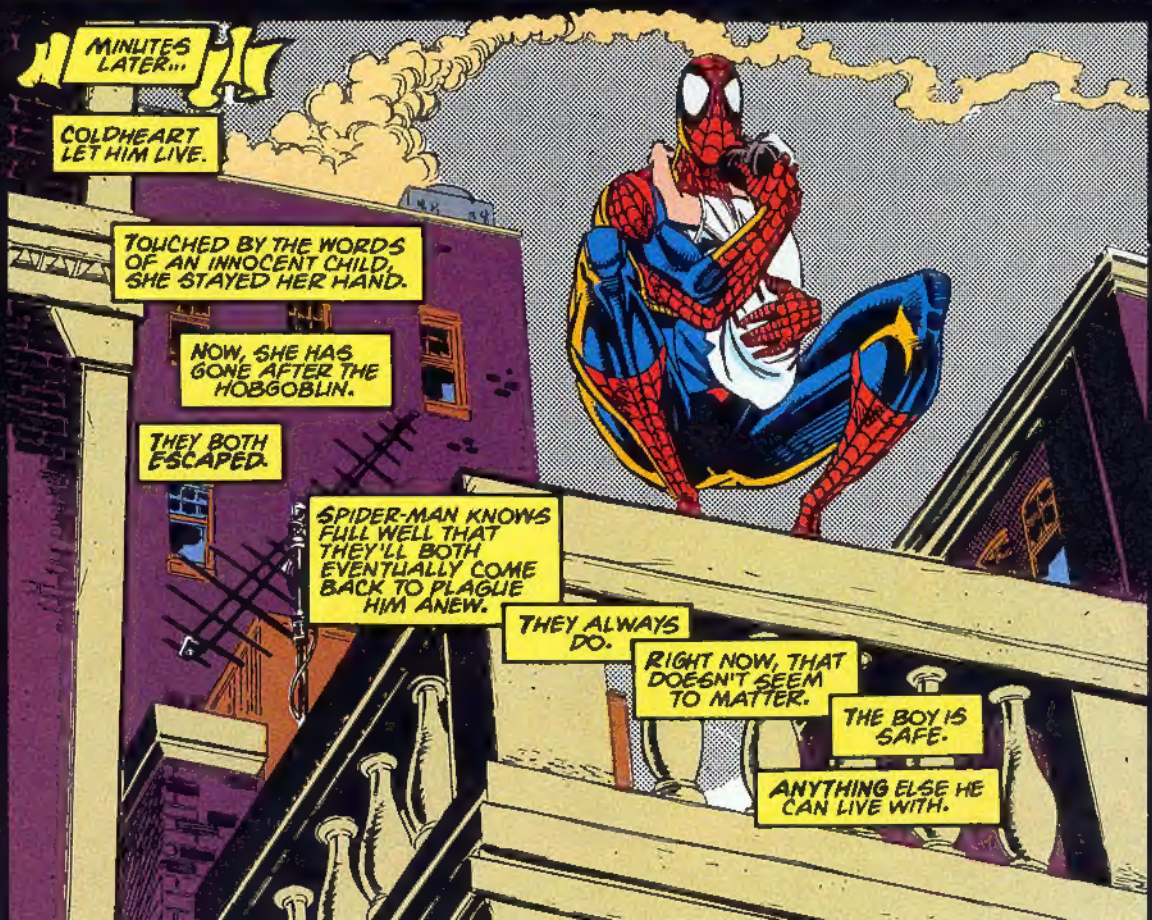

JAY! WHERE ARE YOU, SON?
YOU COULD HAVE HURT YOURSELF PULLING AWAY FROM ME LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE LUCKY WE WERE CLOSE TO THE ROOF.
HERE YOU ARE, KIDDO!
COME ON... LOOK AT ME, JAY! IT IS DADDY!
NO!
IT REALLY IS YOU! GET AWAY FROM ME! LEAVE ME ALONE!
ENOUGH, YOU LITTLE MOMMA'S BOY!
OBVIOUSLY I'VE BEEN GONE TOO LONG.
TIME TO TEACH YOU TO HAVE RESPECT FOR YOUR FATHER.
GET OVER HERE... NOW! IF I'VE GOT TO COME AFTER YOU, THE BEATING YOU'RE GOING TO GET IS GOING TO BE TWICE AS BAD!
THERE'S THE WAY TO GAIN SOME RESPECT!
THREATENING LITTLE CHILDREN... NICE USE OF YOUR NEW POWER!
HOW ABOUT I SHOW YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ON THE RECEIVING END OF WHAT YOU WERE THREATENING TO DO TO THE KID?

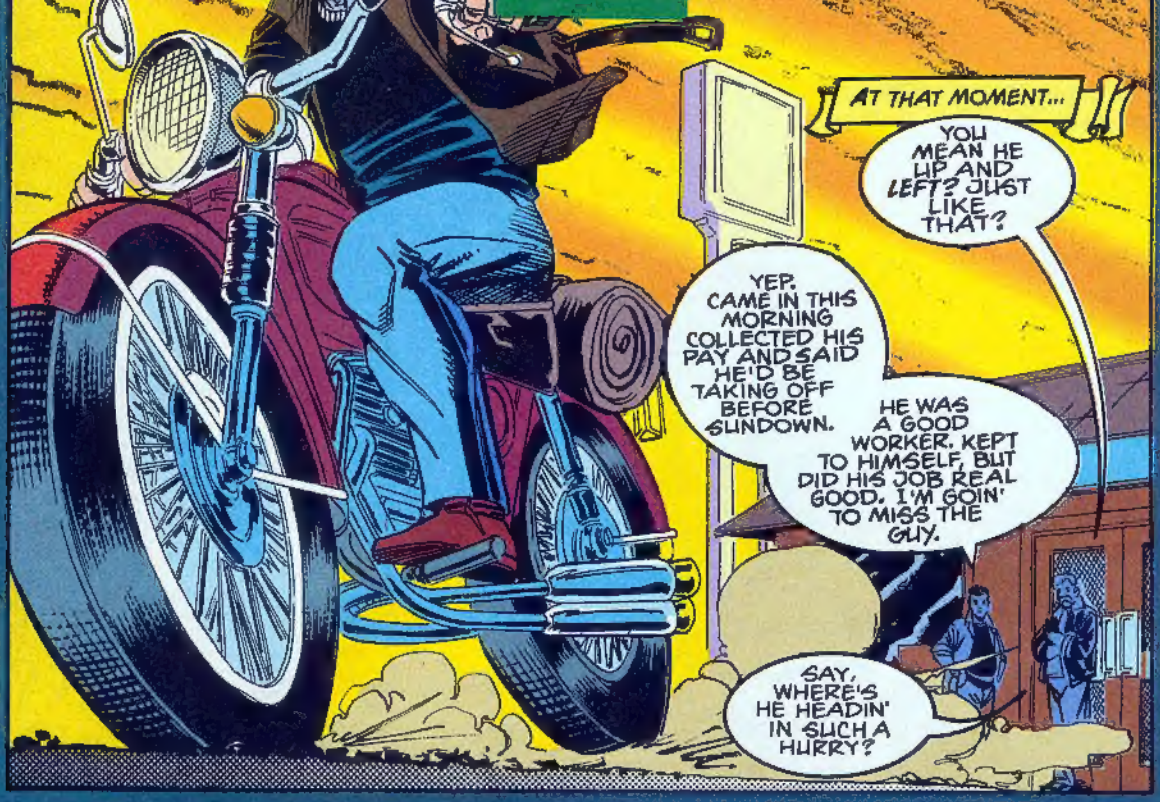
GOOD THING THEY HADN'T GONE FAR! I HEARD THE KID'S SCREAM-- AND FOUND THEM!
GET LOST! THIS IS PERSONAL! HE'S MY SON!
I DO WITH HIM WHAT I WANT!
THOOM
WRONG AGAIN! YOU GUYS ALWAYS THINK YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO ANYONE!
TAKE ANYTHING YOU WANT!
KILL ANYONE YOU WANT!
PLAY WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES! COMING BACK AGAIN AND AGAIN TO HAUNT THEM!
NO MORE! YOU ALL KEEP PUSHING AND PUSHING ME! TOO FAR! AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE!
SO YOU'RE TEED-OFF! WHO CARES?
I'VE BEEN LIVING MY ENTIRE LIFE IN A RAGE!
GET USED TO IT!

GET USED TO IT?
GET USED TO IT?!
I'M SO USED TO IT THAT I CAN BARELY REMEMBER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO NOT BE IN A RAGE ANY-MORE!
IT'S CONSUMING ME, MACENDALE!
I CAN'T STAND WHAT IT'S DOING TO ME...
... AND NEITHER WILL YOU!
SO I'M SUPPOSED TO BE AFRAID OF THIS RAGE?
YEAH. BE AFRAID...
... BE VERY AFRAID!
BECAUSE IT'S ALL COMING RIGHT AT YOU!

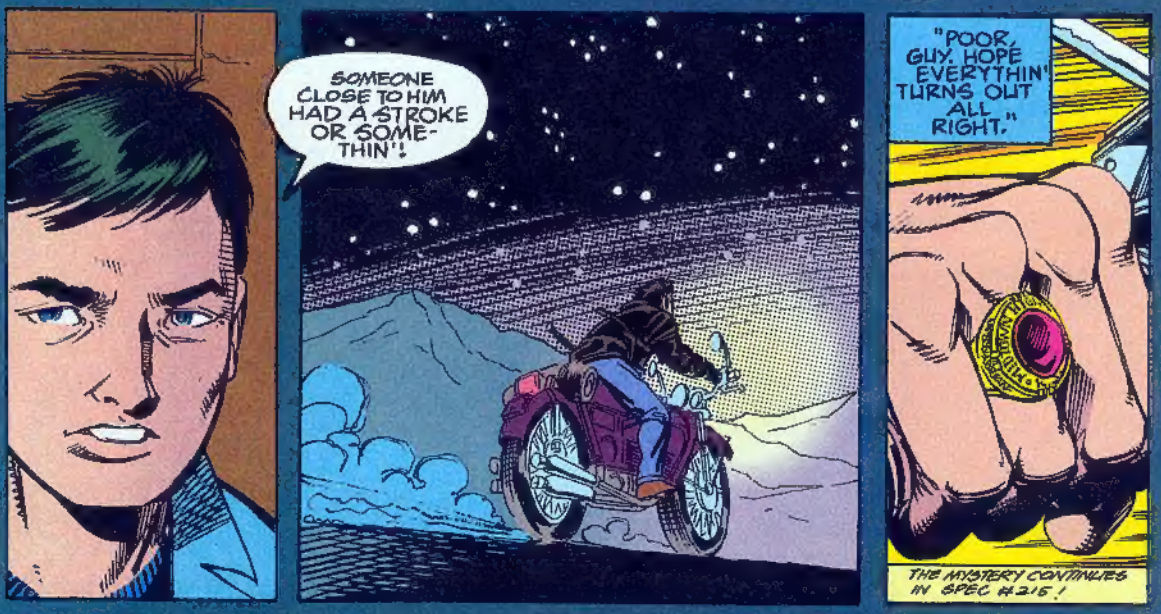

WHOA! I THINK THAT ONE BROKE MY JAW!
TIME FOR ME TO MAKE AN EXIT! THE KID ISN'T WORTH THIS MUCH GRIEF!
SAY GOOD-BYE TO YOUR MOM FOR ME, KID! I'LL SEE YOU BOTH IN --
BKOOM
SPIDER-MAN WATCHES IN HORROR AS THE EXPLOSION SENDS THE YOUNG MACENDALE PLUNGING OFF THE ROOF-TOP TOWARD CERTAIN DEATH.
IN AN INSTANT THAT SEEMS TO LAST A LIFETIME, SPIDER-MAN CHANNELS ALL HIS RAGE INTO ONE FINAL HEROIC ACTION.
IN THE END, THE RAGE QUIETED BY A SENSE OF RELIEF...
...HE IS STILL SPIDER-MAN...
...HE IS A HERO!

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT MOVING A MUSCLE... NOT THAT YOU CAN!
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO PAY FOR ALL THE LIVES YOU'VE RUINED.
STAND BACK, CHILD. HE WON'T HURT YOU... OR ANYONE ELSE... EVER AGAIN!
CAN'T MOVE! THE SWORD HAS ME FROZEN IN PLACE!
NO!
HE SAVED ME... FROM... FROM... MY FATHER! LEAVE SPIDER-MAN ALONE!
PLEASE?


MINUTES LATER...
COLDHEART LET HIM LIVE.
TOUCHED BY THE WORDS OF AN INNOCENT CHILD, SHE STAYED HER HAND.
NOW, SHE HAS GONE AFTER THE HOBGOBLIN.
THEY BOTH ESCAPED.
SPIDER-MAN KNOWS FULL WELL THAT THEY'LL BOTH EVENTUALLY COME BACK TO PLAGUE HIM ANEW.
THEY ALWAYS DO.
RIGHT NOW, THAT DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER.
THE BOY IS SAFE.
ANYTHING ELSE HE CAN LIVE WITH.


AT THAT MOMENT...
YOU MEAN HE UP AND LEFT? JUST LIKE THAT?
YEP. CAME IN THIS MORNING COLLECTED HIS PAY AND SAID HE'D BE TAKING OFF BEFORE SUNDOWN.
HE WAS A GOOD WORKER. KEPT TO HIMSELF, BUT DID HIS JOB REAL GOOD. I'M GOIN' TO MISS THE GUY.
SAY, WHERE'S HE HEADIN' IN SUCH A HURRY?

SOME-WHERE BACK EAST. NEW YORK CITY, I THINK.
SAID IT WAS SOME KIND OF EMERGENCY...


SOMEONE CLOSE TO HIM HAD A STROKE OR SOME-THIN'!
"POOR GUY. HOPE EVERYTHIN' TURNS OUT ALL RIGHT."
THE MYSTERY CONTINUES IN SPEC #216!

RUSSIA...
VLADIMIR. HOW DO YOU FEEL?
ALIVE.
STRONG.
VITAL.
IT WORKED, GREGOR, MY OLD FRIEND. MY FATHER'S LEGACY NOW FULLY BELONGS TO ME!
HAVE MY FATHER'S JOURNAL BROUGHT TO ME...
...PREPARE THE SERVANTS TO TRAVEL.
IT IS TIME FOR US TO RETURN TO THE STATES AND CLAIM THE FULL LEGACY OF KRAVEN THE HUNTER!
THE PART THAT INVOLVES SPIDER-MAN!
NEXT:
50TH ISSUE ANNIVERSARY!
DOUBLE-SIZED! HOLOGRAM COVER!
SPIDER-MAN VS THE SON OF KRAVEN!